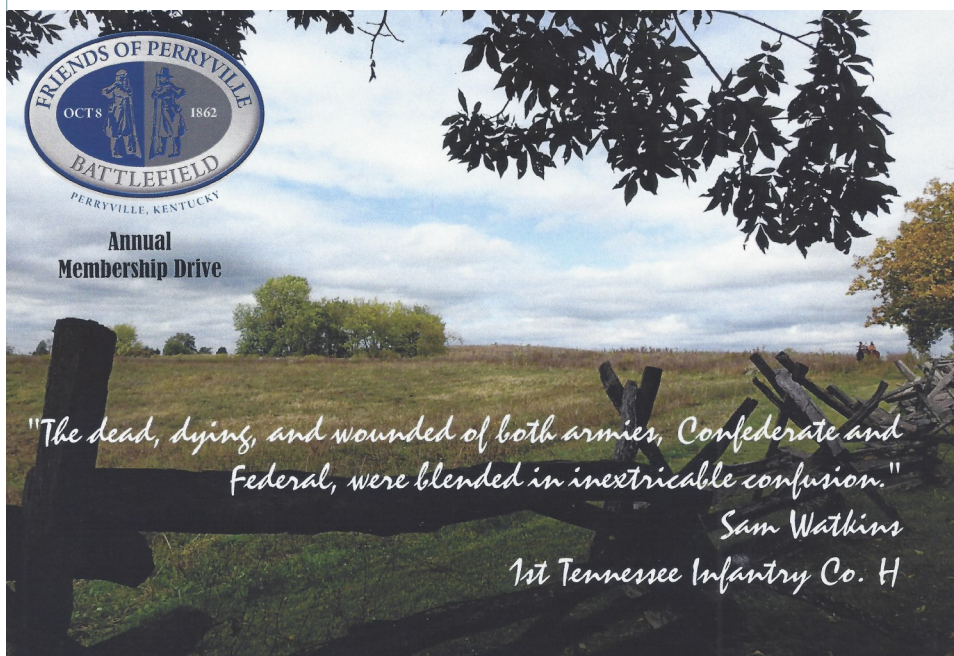


ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

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It is easy to join! Visit our website at www.perryvillebattlefield.org for a full list of membership benefits! You may mail in your membership as well! The membership form is on the last page of the newsletter. Please be sure to include your email information! We send out newsletters and updates via Constant Contact. This saves postage and lets your money go directly to preservation and conservation!



"Passing a building where the enemy had left their wounded, we were attracted by the cry of a rebel drummer boy. He was in the delirium of death. Some one had leaned a broad plank against the side of the building where he lay, to keep the drip from the eaves of the house from falling in his face, for it was raining as it always did after a battle. I shall never forget the wail, childish voice; he said in his delirium, mother, dear mother, why don't you come and take me home? That mother did not come she lived far away, perhaps in some beautiful home in the sunny south. She never saw her boy again, for as we returned his form was still, his childish voice was hushed in death and we thought may it not be that the angels did come and take him to the home above."

Dan McCook
52nd Ohio Infantry

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Marcus Toney 1st TN Infantry
Toney was detailed to stay with the wounded at the Goodnight Farm.

BATTLEFIELD, PERRYVILLE Ky.,
October 8, 1862.

Mrs. W. C. Hamilton, Lexington, Ky.: Robert was killed in gallant charge this evening. Will take care of remains until you arrive.
MARCUS B. TONEY.

“Our brigade was moved back now 1/4 of a mile and regimental details made to look after the wounded and bring them to the hospital. That sounds very big but one must not expect too much of a hospital behind a battlefield. In this case the hospitals consisted of a few small houses in Perryville, two small log barns in the rear of the battlefield and one big hospital tent. The barn nearest to the line was used as an amputation room; that is where arms and legs were sawed off. The boys called it the “butchershop or barnyard” (sic) others gave it the very proper name of ‘Uncle Sam’s Sawmill.’ The other barn was used or intended for the more slightly wounded. Probing for bullets and dressing wounds... As soon as they were attended to they were put out doors on the ground, covered with a blanket and left to themselves.”

*John Henry Otto
21st Wisconsin Infantry*

THE COMPLETE DESTRUCTION OF JACOB GOODNIGHT PART 2

No such account yet exists to describe the scene at the Walker House and the current owners do not believe it was used as a field hospital. Without a doubt, the established field hospital in the area was the Goodnight property. However, there is some Civil War graphite present in the Walker House and could well be a result of the immense number of troops moving across the land or seeking shelter from the battle. It is not certain that anyone used the Walker House to convalesce, but the appearance of this signature indicates soldiers were present in the house around the time the battle occurred. The Union Army was heavily encamped on the Goodnight and Walker properties during the days immediately

following the battle. A large spring on the Goodnight property provided access to water in a desperate drought.

At least two Federal divisions were encamped upon the Goodnight and Walker properties shortly after the battle. In the October 9, 1862 report of Brigadier General Robert B. Mitchell, U.S. Army, he clearly indicates that his division was on the Goodnight property; his report begins with “HDQRS. Ninth Division, Army of the Ohio, Goodnight Spring, 2 1/2 miles from Perryville, Ky., October 9, 1862. Captain Silas Miller, 36th Ill. Infantry, 37th Brigade, 11th Division, Army of the Ohio writes a detailed description of the movements of the regiment during the

Nearly all of his fences and his forage were gone. His residence was used as a rebel hospital after the battle.

Battle of Perryville. His entry begins “Headquarters 36th ILL. INF., Goodnight Springs, Near Perryville, Ky., October 10. 1862,” this regiment was in the 11th Division under the command of Philip Sheridan.

Although the Goodnight and Walker farms were not caught in the immediate vortex of battle, they were traversed by large armies and impact upon the landscape and the families unlucky enough to be located there was devastating. Dr. S.K. Crawford, regimental surgeon, 50th Ohio Volunteer Infantry wrote, “By 10:00 a.m. ... (I) had organized a company of ‘foragers’ from the straggling boys and ordered (them) abroad to bring in sheets, bed-clothing and provisions. ...A school for training nurses had to be organized at once... The details were promptly made, the nurses were sent to search ...for...neglected and wounded men.” The Goodnight House received a major influx of wounded from the battlefield until about 2:00 a.m. on October 9. Some of those badly wounded men remained at the house until late December. Those who died on the property are buried in the Goodnight Cemetery.

The loss of crops and livestock and the damages done to the farm’s structures must have been tremendous. Jacob Goodnight’s wife Susan filed a war claim in 1879, four years after Jacob’s death. Goodnight’s claim was denied, but the depositions give an idea as to what was present on the farm before the battle.

“On Friday after the battle which took place on Wednesday Oct 8, 1862, I was on Claimants farm and I saw that the place was badly damaged. Nearly all of his fences and his forage were gone. His residence was used as a rebel hospital after the battle. I made a second visit to his farm and I found claimant going through the corn field picking up an ear here and there. I don’t think he managed 3 1/2 or 4 barrels of corn for his entire crop. I don’t remember how many acres he had in corn that year. I am satisfied that he had at least 20 acres in corn and probably more.”

“I was on Jacob Goodnight’s farm the day after the battle. The Union troops were then just taking possession of the farm. I noticed that his fences were simply torn down so as to allow the passage of troops and artillery. The troops were here until Friday and Saturday. While I did not see any property taken from this farm I am satisfied that the principle destruction was caused by the Union troops after the battle. The rebels may have burned some of his yard fence but there can be no doubt that nearly all of the

THE COMPLETE DESTRUCTION OF JACOB GOODNIGHT

fencing was burned by Union troops. I would estimate corn crop that year at 25 acres. I think his entire crop disappeared. I know of no farmer in the vicinity of the battlefield that lost more in proportion to his wealth.”

Goodnight's claim included 300 cords of wood; 84 panels plank fence and paling, four gates, and two pair of bars as well as 150 barrels of corn at 2.50 a barrel, 153 shocks of fodder, one straw rick, 1,700 bundles of oats at 2.00 a bundle and 5,000 bales of hay at .50 cents and 1 gray horse. Plus, an additional 200 dollars damages to the house and 33 beds, bedding and clothing used in hospital at 100 dollars. Goodnight's wife was not awarded the claim.

“The farm was listed for taxation in 1862 at \$1,000 and yet a claim is made for property taken from this farm the same year, amounting to \$1,739.50. The claim, considered in connection with the value of the farm, seems to be wholly unreasonable. In my opinion the claim is largely exaggerated. ...Decedent was a cripple and he felt his losses keenly. Owing to the peculiar circumstances under which this claim originated and the absence of satisfactory proof, I cannot recommend for payment any part of this claim.”

The records indicate that Jacob's farm was in decline before the battle and this may have to do with his age and physical condition. Goodnight was 56 years old and according to the testimony in the war claim, was physically disabled. Regardless of his age or physical condition, the effects of the battle had a significant impact upon Jacob Goodnight's family; his farm sold before the 1870s began. Whether this was a direct result of the battle is debatable; however, it is clear that the destruction upon the local land owners' property was devastating and one can draw the conclusion that the battle was at least somewhat responsible for the decline experienced on those farms.

Although Jacob Goodnight's land transferred to A.M. Crain and J.A. Bottom in 1868; his name is listed on the 1870 agricultural census. J.A. Bottom purchased part of the Goodnight land and it appears that he also purchased part of John L. Walker's farm in 1866, 200 acres at the price of 5,000 dollars. However, the Goodnights were still farming the property and possibly living in the house at that time the census was taken. There must have been some issue with the land transfers to Crain and Bottom. Susan Clayburn Hankla Goodnight, Jacob's widow, sued to retain dower rights and in 1875, the Boyle County Court ordered that Susan retain 26 acres and her house, which she kept until her death in 1902.

The 1870 agricultural census was more detailed than the previous decade's statistics. Goodnight's name appears with having 100 improved acres with the estate's value was listed as 2,500 dollars' worth of farm implements. There is only one horse, one mule, two other cows and six pigs listed on the census with the total livestock value as only 150 dollars. The crops raised in 1869 included 126 bushels of winter wheat, 32 bushels of rye, and 633 bushels of “indian” corn and a butter production that amounted to 33 pounds.

The agricultural production of the farms around the Chaplin River in Western Boyle County survived the war and their agricultural manufactured goods were in good order by 1870. There is little doubt that Henry Bottom was severely affected by the battle, it appears that he absorbed his losses and turned his farm back to producing. The Goodnight property transferred before the decade was over, but it does appear that grain and livestock were being raised on the farm by the owner and operators. The major agricultural reductions appear to be with Jacob and Susan Goodnight. The reduction in agricultural production may have been a result of both Jacob's disability as well as his and Susan's ages — they were 63 and 62 years old by the time the 1870 census was reported.

The Battle of Perryville completely destroyed Jacob Goodnight and his farm. Due to his failing health and the battle his land was sold before 1870. He died on January 7, 1875 in Boyle County.

The Nature of War

The bloom is on at the Battlefield. Wildflowers can be seen throughout the habitat plantings. Although the bloom was severely effected by the late spring freeze and last year's extreme drought wildflowers are popping up. Coreopsis, coneflower, daisy, bee balm and false sunflower are plentiful.

The Bob Whites are singing their song every evening. Come out and enjoy the beauty that is wrapping the Battlefield in a living wreath!



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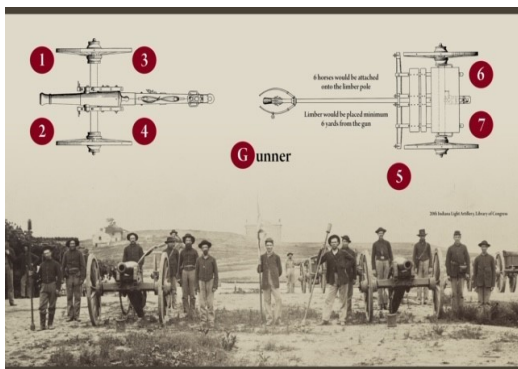
THE HOMEFRONT

Greetings All! Summer is finally here! Perryville Battlefield's Museum is now open to the public and we continue to see people utilizing the trails and enjoying the history and gorgeous natural vistas the battlefield has to offer.

It is also our first and what will be our annual Membership Drive! Simply put we need you to help us help Perryville Battlefield! Here is an example of what we've done with your donations.

Landscape Restoration

The viewshed on the Open Knob is now **Open**. Thanks to your generous donations we were able to remove all the farm fence lines that obscured the Union left and Parson's Battery position.



Interpretation and Programming

Over the last ten years we've provided thousands of dollars in interpretation and programming. Exhibits such as the Horse Soldier during the World Equestrian Games and now the new Guns of the West newly installed in the PBSHS Museum are completely paid for by you!

Habitat Conservation

This is a baby American Kestrel. Found this little guy in the middle of the Dixville Crossroads. We moved him and his lunch (he is holding tightly to something momma supplied him for dinner) from the road into the adjacent field. No worries—momma unhappily supervised the whole maneuver and continued to care for him as he was fledging. We are sure he is now on the wing!

The Perryville Battlefield has over 700 acres of native grasses and wildflowers. It is home to an abundant amount of Northern Bob Whites (quail) and other rare species. A pair of Bald Eagles turned up this spring! This project was secured by a \$350,000 Federal grant. We continue to maintain that habitat and stand ready to continue the habitat reclamation.



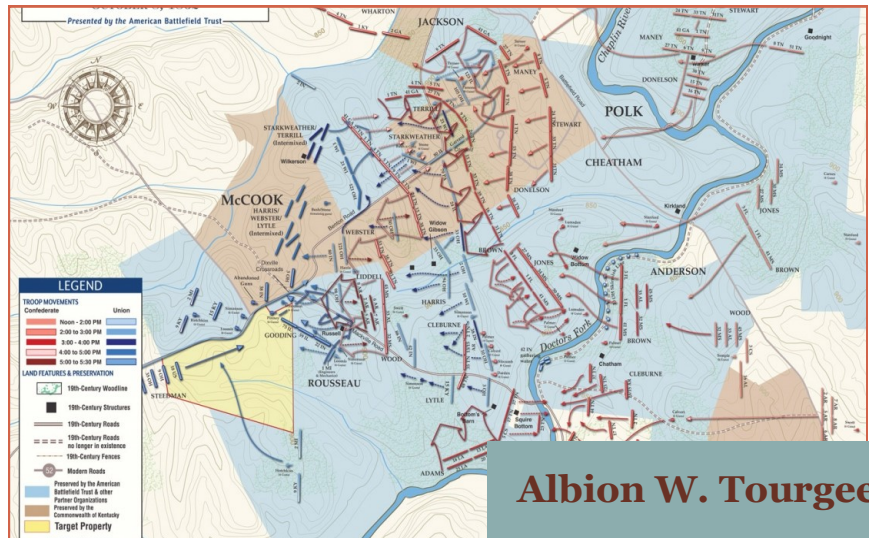
CALL TO ACTION! STEEDMAN'S ADVANCE!

Help Save 57 Acres at Perryville and Stones River!

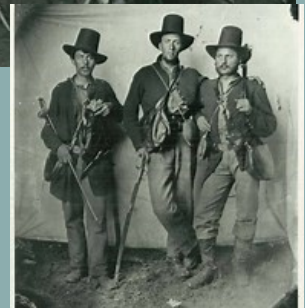
Your help is needed to join this tremendous effort to help save 51 acres at Perryville plus the crucial 6 acres at Stones River, on part of the battlefield that was all but lost just a few short years ago! Preserving this vulnerable hallowed ground would be a huge preservation victory to save the places where America was made. Every \$1 of your donation will be multiplied by \$5.82-to-\$1 to save these two tracts!

Donate now at: <https://www.battlefields.org/save-57-acres-perryville-and-stones-river>

Or call 1-888-606-1400



Albion W. Tourgee



Commissioned as a 1st Lieutenant in Company G, **105th Ohio Volunteer Infantry** in August of 1862, he was wounded in October of 1862 at the **Battle of Perryville, Kentucky**. In January 1863, he was captured by Confederate forces near Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and was imprisoned for five months at the infamous Libby Prison in Richmond, Virginia.

THE HOMEFRONT (Cont.)

This year we've been busy helping maintain the Battlefield's trail system. This is where we could use some advocacy! Please speak up and let Parks Dept.

officials know how important the trail system is! The Friend's continue to provide interpretation, split rail fences and constant maintenance on the landscape. This is where we need your support in both funding and advocacy. Speak Up! Your voice is important and every few years we must let a new set of administrators know that

This Place Matters!

Thank You for making Perryville Battlefield a special place! Please come visit! The trails are open and history and nature are on full display!



Chad Greene
Friend and President

FRIENDS OF PERRYVILLE BATTLEFIELD

Mission Statement:

The purpose of The Friends of Perryville Battlefield State Historic Site shall be to sustain, foster, promote and further the interests of the historic site which will be encompassed by the boundaries of the park. The Friends Group shall conduct fund raising and friend raising activities in connection with these purposes. The activities of the group shall be charitable in nature within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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THE LANDSCAPE RETURNED

After the purchase of the White Tract by the American Battlefield Trust the Friends began the land restoration project. This open viewshed was made possible by our members and volunteers.

Recently restored view to the left of Parson's Battery

*"On a little
knoll off to
our right front
the battery
was firing
with frenzied*



rapidity. The shells from the enemy's battery flew over our heads and cut the limbs of the trees sending down a shower of acorns. Bullets pattered about us. We could see the artillerymen dashing back and forth as the smoke lifted from the guns. Men were coming back from the hell which the crest hid from our view. . ."

Albion Tourgee 105th Ohio Infantry

Soon to be removed structure at the extreme right of Maney's Advance.



"We did not recoil, but our line was fairly hurled back by the leaden hail that was poured into our very faces. Eight color bearers were killed at one discharge of their cannon. We were right up among the very wheels of their Napoleon guns. It was death to retreat now to either side. . ."

Sam Watkins 1st Tennessee Infantry

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Please indicate your contribution level:

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- \$10.00 Youth
- \$100.00 Company
- \$250.00 Battalion
- \$500.00 Division
- \$1,000.00 The Preservation Corps

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